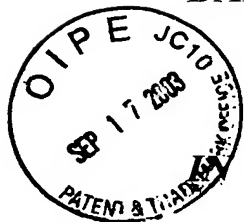


**BARNES & THORNBURG**

11 South Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
(317) 236-1313  
(317) 231-7433 Fax



**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*Customer No.* 23643

*Group:* Unknown

*Confirmation No.:* Unknown

*Application No.:* 10/629,880

*Invention:* INGESTION OF HYALURONIC  
ACID FOR IMPROVED JOINT  
FUNCTION

*Inventor:* Harry Leneau

*Filed:* July 29, 2003

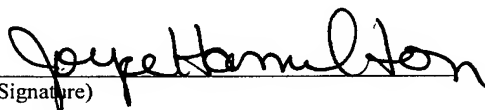
*Attorney Docket:* 29792-73218

*Examiner:* Unknown

Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being  
deposited with the United States Postal Service with  
sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope  
addressed to BOX Non-Fee Amendment,  
Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on September 15, 2003

  
(Signature)

Joyce Hamilton  
(Printed Name)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**BOX Non-Fee Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please enter this amendment prior to the initial examination of the above-noted  
application.